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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 22 August 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was received on (08/22/05) after the date of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance (10/14/04). The Examiner has reviewed the prior art as presented in the IDS as noted on form 1449 attached, and found no conflict of the prior art with the Applicant's invention.

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